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From: Higuchi, Dean
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 5:00:57 PM
Subject: RE: Map that shows sampling locations?

Thanks! At least better than nothing.....safe travels back home, Happy Anniversary!
Hopefully, this will all calm down come next week...(again my wishful thinking!)

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From: Harris-Bishop, Rusty
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 6:57 AM
To: Higuchi, Dean
Subject: Re: Map that shows sampling locations?

Yeah. Could have been my hope as well. I knew we had something but what I saw didn't even have names of the sampling points.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 10:52 AM, Higuchi, Dean <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry, thought I heard "forthcoming", or maybe that is what I was wishing I heard.....

Thanks!

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Cc: Maier, Brent; Allen, HarryL; Russo, Rebecca
Subject: Re: Map that shows sampling locations?

I don't know if its forthcoming but Rob has some maps. I'll see I we can get some with the sampling locations identified.

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 9:34 AM, Higuchi, Dean <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov> wrote:

Spoke to Rusty, he said a map is forthcoming, no ETA,though

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Subject: RE: Map that shows sampling locations?

I have not seen anything come out in response to your message on a map. If we receive, I can follow up with James Peterson in Feinstein's office.

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Subject: FW: EPA Statement on Data from New Mexico to Navajo Nation from Gold King Mine Release

Do we have a map that shows sampling locations?

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: EPA Statement on Data from New Mexico to Navajo Nation from Gold King Mine Release

Hi Dean,

Thanks for the email. Do you have something that provides context? Perhaps a map that shows the location of the test locations and corresponding concentrations? My boss is eager to get info, but this data is not something I can translate into something meaningful for her. She is particularly eager to know how far down river the contamination has spread.

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Subject: EPA Statement on Data from New Mexico to Navajo Nation from Gold King Mine Release

Dear Colleagues:

Please find below EPA's statement for August 13, 2015.

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EPA Statement on Data from New Mexico to Navajo Nation from Gold King Mine Release

Farmington, New Mexico - August 13, 2015: Today, EPA has released additional water quality data from Aug. 7 to Aug. 8, 2015 for the Animas and San Juan Rivers from the Northern Border of New Mexico to Navajo Nation. Based upon the surface water sample results in New Mexico surface water concentrations are trending toward pre-event conditions.

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine, water quality samples were collected from the Northern Border of New Mexico to Navajo Nation at numerous intervals beginning on Aug. 7, 2015. Samples were taken prior to the plume's arrival to establish a baseline for water quality comparisons. Each surface water sample was analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury.

Surface water samples were collected on Friday, August 7, 2015, at four (4) locations prior to arrival of the plume along the Animas and San Juan Rivers in New Mexico. On Saturday, August 8, 2015, nine (9) locations were sampled after arrival of the plume.

EPA has continued to take additional samples to document the change in the concentration of metals in the river. EPA has shared this data with state, local and tribal officials in New Mexico to assist them in their decisions regarding the on-going use of water resources. These results are based on validated sampling data collected from Aug. 7 to Aug. 8, 2015.

[Region 6 Surface Water Summary Table\(1 pg, 112 K\)](#)

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